

# D.C. Sentencing Commission - Fast Facts

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## FY2022 Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Pleas

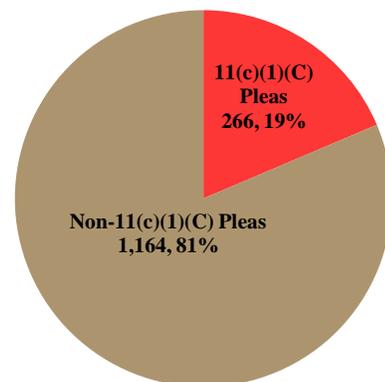


Under D.C. Superior Court Criminal Rule 11(c)(1)(C), the parties “agree that a specific sentence or sentencing range is the appropriate disposition of the case (such a recommendation or request binds the court once the court accepts the plea agreement).”

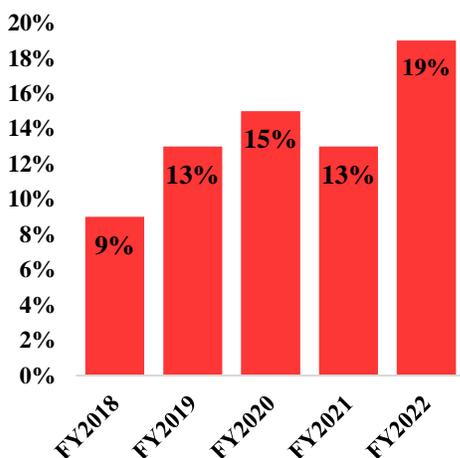
### Overall Trends

- Between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022, there were a total of **1,430** felony counts sentenced in D.C. Superior Court

- **266** of these felony counts (**19%**) were sentenced pursuant to a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea



### Proportion of 11(c)(1)(C) Plea Sentences Yearly Trends

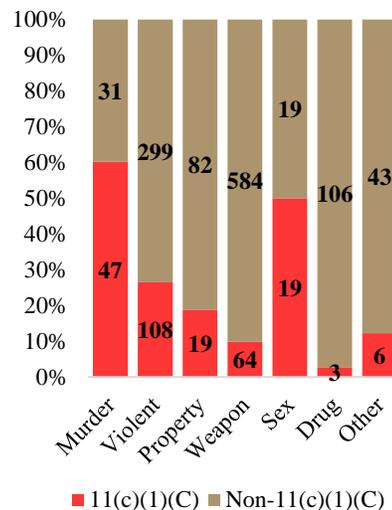


Within the last five years, the greatest percentage (**19%**) of Rule 11(c)(1)(C) pleas were sentenced in **fiscal year 2022**

\*\*All analyses are conducted on the count level

### Offense and Sentencing Trends

- While **Violent offenses** represented **28%** of all counts sentenced in FY22, they accounted for over **40%** of all 11(c)(1)(C) pleas imposed in the same timeframe
- 60%** of all **Murder sentences** were imposed under a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea; comparatively, only **3%** of all **Drug sentences** were imposed under a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea
- 73%** of the sentences following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea were **prison sentences**



### Offender Characteristics

- 97% of the defendants were Male
- 96% of the defendants were Black
- The average age at offense was 30 years old; the median age at offense was 27 years old
- 74% of the defendants had been convicted of a prior offense